Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It is not in public interest to read out the names.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath: Is not the proportion of members who are scholars nominated to the Text Book Committee larger than those who represent the various interests?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

Complaints regarding the Mavelikara bye-election.

(6) ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any complaints have been made to them to the effect that Government officers were working against the State Congress candidate in the recent assembly election at Mavelikara; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) Some complaints have been received.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether complaints have been received by Government stating that some Government officers were interfering in the Mavelikara bye-election against the State Congress Candidate?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes, such complaints have been received.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether Government had any definite attitude regarding that election?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No attitude, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Are the Government aware that Mr. A. Sankara Pillai the State Congress candidate is the brother of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That is a matter known to the member.

President: If the honourable member is inclined, he may answer it.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I know that fact as well as the member himself.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the complaints received on behalf of Mr. A Sankara Pillai against the Government officers were enquired into?

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Mr. C. O. Madhavan : So far as the complaints were concerned, I may say that the Government received a large number of complaints by way of petitions and telegrams from parties interested on both sides. Government did not think it necessary to enquire into all the complaints received in that connection. Such of the complaints as deserved enquiry in the opinion of Government are being enquired into.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether there was so much of accusation against officers in the alleged complaints sent up on behalf of Mr. P. Narayana Pillai as in the complaints sent on behalf of Mr. Sankara Pillai?

President : Let me know from the Chief Secretary whether there is any election petition in regard to that matter.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the alleged petitions sent on behalf of Mr. Narayana Pillai, the opponent of Mr. Sankara Pillai the State Congress candidate, contained as many allegations against Government Officers that they influenced the voters against the State Congress candidate and so forth as the complaints sent by Mr. Sankara Pillai?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I am sorry I do not fully understand the meaning of the involved question.

President : Is it the honourable member's point that the question is of excessive length?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan Yes, Sir.

President : The honourable member will please note that, under Rule 11, sub clause (h) the question shall not be of excessive length. Therefore, the member will please modify his question.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the complaints that were raised on behalf of Mr. Narayana Pillai, the opponent of Mr. Sankara Pillai contained allegations against Government officers partaking in the election?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : Complaints from both parties were received. But.....

President : The honourable member's question is, who complained more against the Government officers. I think that was the question which he wanted to ask.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : If so, I may say that I can give an answer only after making an exact calculation in the matter.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : I wish to know whether there was an unprecedented rush of Government officers to Mavelikara at the time of the bye-election?

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Mr. C. O. Madhavan: The Government are not aware.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government are aware of the pamphlet published by Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, President of the State Congress that the Government officers have interfered in the elections ?

President: Let me know from the Chief Secretary whether Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai has sent any such letter to Government ?

Mr C. O. Madhavan: No such thing, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: There was a pamphlet published by Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai in that connection. May I know whether the Government are aware of that pamphlet ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No such matter was definitely brought to the attention of Government.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether Government have received a complaint stating that the Inspecter of Police, Mavelikara, assaulted at a place called Thatta a person who was supporting the State Congress candidate ?

President: Will the Police Commissioner please say whether he has received any such complaint.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No such complaint has been received in the Police Department.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether there were complaints of serious assaults on the supporters of the State Congress members by the Police ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: No Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether there were any allegations about the polling officers acting irregularly in respect of open votes when they were given in favour of Mr. Sankara Pillai ?

President: Will the Chief Secretary please say whether any such complaint has been received by Government.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No complaint has been received in regard to that matter.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government have received any complaint against the polling officers of "Vadakathukavu" V. M. School and "Thripperunthera" girl's V. P. School alleging certain irregularities in the matter of open votes that were given in favour of Mr. Sankara Pillai?

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President: I would draw the honourable member's attention to Rule 11 which says that no question shall be asked except under the following conditions, namely, it shall not contain arguments and it shall not be of excessive length. The honourable member will please follow the rules and put questions in an intelligible form.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government are in receipt of information regarding the polling officers having acted irregularily in respect of open votes recorded in favour of Mr. Sankara Pillai?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No such complaint has been received by Government.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government are aware of the assaults of Mr. C. Thomas and Mr. Bhaskara Panikkar of that place?

President: Will the Police Commissioner please say whether he has received any complaint regarding that matter.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: No, Sir.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know whether any officer has been asked to make an enquiry into the matter?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Such of the complaints as deserved enquiry in the opinion of Government have been referred to the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, for making necessary enquiries.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know whether there is any complaint stating that he had been the chief worker for Mr. P. Narayana Pillai?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No such complaint has been received by Government.

Complaints regarding the Koonan Anjily bund.

98. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the Rev. Father Gheevarughese Keeramkuzhi, B. A. and others, dated 18th January 1938, 4th Makaram 1113, 5th Makaram 1113 and 22nd January 1938 relating to the Koonan Anjily bund in the Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) whether the petitions pray that the bund at Koonan Anjily should be erected every year before the 5th Vrischikam;

(*c*) whether the petitions complain that, in 1113, the bund was erected by the Irrigation Department only in the month of Dhanu, thus allowing salt water to enter the paddy lands and destroy the existing cultivation and make the next two cultivations impracticable;

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